

Oneida County Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2006

Present: Judy Dern, Doug Hall, Guy Hansen, Dick Hunsbucher, Mary Martin, Matt Matteson, Janice Miller, Carol Pederson, Sonny Paszak, Jeanette Pederson, Carol White, Peter Wolk

Absent with notice: Bill Schell

Staff Present: Dianne Jacobson, Stephanie Schroeder

Call to order: Chairman Matteson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. It was noted that the meeting was properly posted and the media notified. Introductions were then made to new member, Peter Wolk.

Agenda: Motion by D. Hall to approve the agenda, second by G. Hansen. Motion carried.

Guests Present: None

Minutes of March 16, 2006: Motion by G. Hansen to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2006 meeting, second by D. Hunsbuscher. Motion carried.

Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held at 10:00 on May 17th at the Nokomis town hall. The bus will leave from the Center at 9:15 for those who wish to ride the bus. Those driving themselves will be G. Hansen, J. Dern, P. Wolk, C. White, D. Hall. Everyone will be staying for lunch. Please call the office if there are any changes.

Comments: None

Line Item Transfers: The first line item transfer in the amount of \$42,000 to apply alternate funding as there was no Program Income balance for the 2006 budget as had been budgeted. The second transfer in the amount of \$14,470 was to move Prior Year Program Income to the current budget for spend-out. Motion by D. Hall to approve the line item transfers as listed above for a total of \$56,470, second by J. Dern. Motion carried.

Vouchers and Bills: Motion by S. Paszak to approve payment of all vouchers and bills as presented, second by G. Hansen. Motion carried.

Benefit Specialist First Quarter Report: Report reviewed by Lyle Delap. Clients had doubled over the first quarter and in that quarter over \$1,000,000 had been saved in benefits for seniors. (Last year it had taken an entire year to accrue that amount). More people are signing up for SeniorCare than Medicare Part D.

Monthly Reports

Aging Unit Budget: 2006 Report reviewed. Motion by M. Martin to approve the combined 2004-2005 "forgiveness" on outstanding invoices in the amount of \$3,951.10 which includes mostly transportation (escorts), second by J. Miller. Motion carried.

Transportation: Report reviewed. Bus mileage was up last month while escorts over the last 3 months dropped. It was suggested that we might hand out service surveys for transportation services as the Benefit Specialists do. D. Jacobson will do an Excel spreadsheet comparison for the last 3 years.

Nutrition: Report reviewed. Congregate donations from March compared to February went up 11¢ per meal. This may be in part due to the new suggested donation of \$2.75 that was enacted in January.

NAAA: On the Federal level, D. Hunsbuscher reported on the March 29th meeting held at The Waters in Minocqua. Correspondence from Senator Breske to Richard Siccio regarding bills the senator had written about were discussed at the meeting. Also reviewed was a letter from Gov. Doyle on the new program to provide additional funding for low income fuel assistance. Richard Siccio had presented a report on the Medicare Modernization stating that people may need more time that May 15th to get on line for Medicare Part D and also that Medicare should be allowed to negotiate for lower drug prices.

Senior Center Advisory Committee: Report reviewed. Many new signs were put up for the rummage sale that had previously been old Rhinelander Realty yard signs that were spray-painted and new lettering added. The Annual Volunteer Banquet will be Tuesday May 23rd at the Rhinelander Holiday Inn and will be catered by Wolff[®] Log Cabin. All Commission on Aging members will be invited.

Motion by M. Martin to approve the monthly reports as presented, second by C. Pederson. Motion carried.

Nomination Sub-Committee Report: M. Matteson reported that the sub-committee is recommending Catherine Parker from Lake Tomahawk to fill the vacancy left by “retiring” COA member, Dick Hunsbuscher. Catherine’s application was then reviewed for the Commission by M. Martin. *Motion by G. Hansen to accept the recommendation of the Sub-Committee and make a recommendation to A. Smith to appoint C. Parker to the Commission on Aging, second by J. Pederson. Motion carried.*

Facility Sub-Committee Report: The joint committee meeting with Buildings and Grounds revealed that members were very supportive of the information presented thus far and the group agreed to proceed with a Request For Proposals (R.F.P.) to have a professional needs assessment done. A. Smith (County Board Chair) was consulted and he agreed with this action.

Director’s Report: D. Jacobson reviewed the Tri-County Falls Prevention Grant for Forest, Vilas and Oneida Counties as well as the Conditional Use Public hearing to create a community garden in the grassy area next to our adjacent parking lot. The garden will be planted and maintained by area gardeners and the majority of the food grown will be given to the local food pantry. Also, after the year-end balance, \$2,825 of our 2005 tax levy was returned to the General Fund. This was the first year money was returned to the general fund as we were previously allowed to have a non-lapsing account.

Outgoing Member Recognition: Dick Hunsbuscher was then recognized for his years of service to the Commission on Aging as well as a being very informative representative of NAAA. *Motion by J. Pederson to send P. Peters a certificate of appreciation for her service to the Commission on Aging, second by S. Paszak Motion carried.*

Out-of-county Travel: D. Jacobson (1 day) and S. Piazza to attend an Alliance of Information and Referral Systems National Convention in Milwaukee on June 4-7th. *Motion by D. Hunsbuscher to approve the out-of-county travel, second by C. White. Motion carried.*

Public Comment: none

Adjournment: *Motion by C. Pederson to adjourn at 3:20 p.m., second by J. Dern. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Stephanie Schroeder

Mary Martin, Secretary